

## Chapter PT 3

### TEMPORARY LICENSES

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**PT 3.001 Authority and purpose.** The rules in this chapter are adopted by the board pursuant to the authority delegated by ss. 15.08 (5) (b), 227.11 (2) and 448.53 (2), and 448.55 (3), Stats., and govern the various classes of temporary licenses to practice physical therapy.

**History:** CR 12–002: cr. Register August 2012 No. 680, eff. 9–1–12.

**PT 3.01 Temporary license to practice under supervision, initial licensure.** (1) An applicant for a regular license to practice as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant, who has not previously been licensed to practice as a physical therapist or as a physical therapist assistant in this state, whichever is applicable, and who is a graduate of an approved school of physical therapy or a physical therapist assistant educational program and has applied to take the national physical therapist examination or the national physical therapist assistant examination and is awaiting results and is not required to take an oral examination, may apply to the board for a temporary license to practice as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant under supervision. The applications and required documents for a regular license and for a temporary license may be reviewed by 2 members of the board, and upon the finding by the 2 members that the applicant is qualified for admission to examination for a regular license to practice as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant, the board, acting through the 2 members, may issue a temporary license to practice as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant under supervision to the applicant.

(2) The required fees specified in s. 440.05 (6), Stats., shall accompany the application for a temporary license to practice under supervision.

**Note:** Application forms are available upon request to the board office at 1400 East Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, WI 53708.

(3) The holder of a temporary license to practice physical therapy under supervision may practice physical therapy as defined in s. 448.50 (4), Stats., providing that the entire practice is under the supervision of a person validly holding a regular license as a physical therapist. The supervision shall be direct, immediate, and on premises.

(4) The holder of a temporary license to practice as a physical therapist assistant under supervision may provide physical therapy services as defined by s. 448.50 (4), Stats., providing that the entire practice is under the supervision of a person validly holding a regular license as a physical therapist. The supervision shall be direct, immediate, and on premises.

**Note:** Under 2001 Wis. Act 70, physical therapist assistants are not required to be licensed until April 1, 2004.

(5) The duration of a temporary license to practice physical therapy under supervision granted under this section shall be for a period of 3 months or until the holder receives failing examination results, whichever is shorter, unless the board grants an extension of the temporary license. A temporary license may be renewed for a period of 3 months, and may be renewed a second time for a period of 3 months for reasons of hardship. Practice under a temporary license may not exceed 9 months total duration.

(6) A physical therapist may supervise no more than a combined total of 4 physical therapists and physical therapist assistants who hold temporary licenses. This number shall be reduced by the number of physical therapist assistants and physical therapist aides being supervised by the physical therapist under s. PT 5.02 (2) (k).

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**PT 3.02 Temporary reentry license.** The board may issue a temporary reentry license to an applicant for a regular license to practice as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant, who has met all other requirements for licensure, and has provided proof of minimal competence to the satisfaction of the board, but has not been engaged in clinical practice as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant for at least 3 years immediately preceding their application.

(1) **PROOF OF COMPETENCE.** A candidate for reentry may provide proof of minimal competence by completing either one of one of the following:

(a) A vocational evaluation by a physical therapist who is pre-approved by the board or its designee.

(b) Satisfactory completion of not less than 3 months of clinical practice under the supervision of a professional mentor who has been preapproved by the board or its designee.

(2) **PROFESSIONAL MENTOR.** A professional mentor shall be a person holding a regular license in good standing as a physical therapist, who has no pre-existing personal or professional affiliation with the candidate for reentry. The professional mentor shall provide direct, immediate, on-premises supervision of the candidate for reentry, and insure that clients have given informed consent to treatment by the candidate for reentry under the professional mentor's supervision.

(3) **EVALUATION OF CLINICAL PRACTICE.** After a period of not less than 3 months of clinical practice, a candidate for reentry may petition the board for a regular license to practice as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant. The board shall grant a regular license to practice as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant to the candidate for reentry when he or she demonstrates, to the board's satisfaction, minimal competence to practice physical therapy as defined in s. 448.50 (4), Stats., without supervision.

(4) **TERM OF LICENSE.** A temporary reentry license shall be valid for a period not to exceed 1 year, or until the holder of the temporary reentry license receives either a failing evaluation or a regular license to practice as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant whichever is shorter. A temporary reentry license expires after 1 year and may not be renewed.

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